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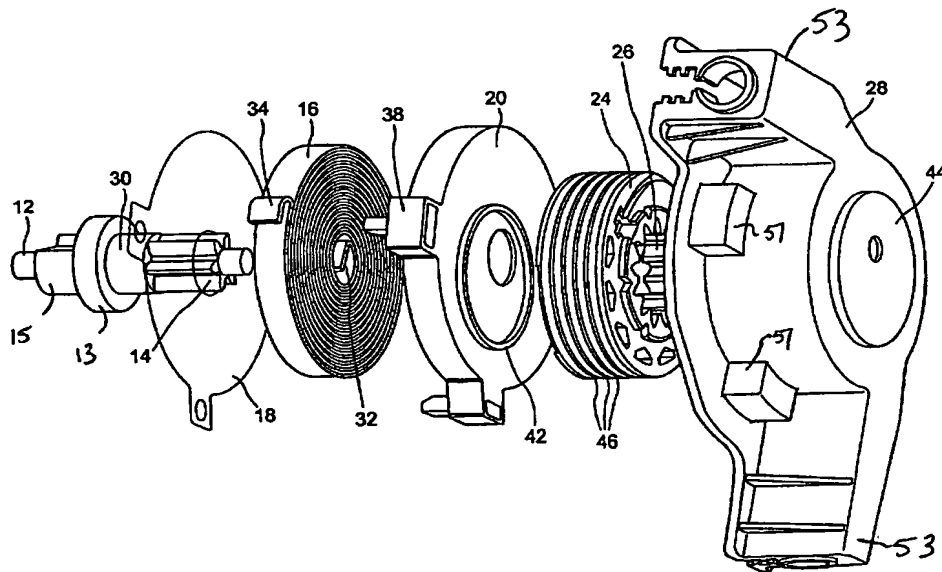
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(54) Title: WINDOW REGULATOR ASSEMBLY



(57) Abstract: A window regulator assembly including a shaft (12) having a pinion gear (14) and a counter balance spring (16) mounted on the shaft which winds or unwind as the shaft rotates. A spring housing (20) is mounted on the shaft. A cable-guiding drum (24) having an inner gear (26) is driven directly by the pinion gear, as the drum has a rotational axis that is offset from a rotational axis defined by the shaft, thus providing mechanical advantage. A casing (28) houses the spring (16), spring housing (20) and the drum (24) in abutting relationship. A guide such as a rail (42) is disposed on at least one of the spring housing and the drum for maintaining rotational alignment of the drum relative to the shaft.



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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

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a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

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☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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